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## Momentous Financial Date Approaches

### Nanking's Loan Hopes

#### Washington Wary Over Govt. Reform

Nanking, May 12.  
The Nanking government is encouraged by reports that the United States might grant individual loans to China for sound specified projects but is wondering how far Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will have gone beforehand in further "broadening" the government.  
The recent appointment of Chang Chun as Premier and the inclusion of representatives of the Democratic Socialist and China Youth parties in the complex administrative mechanism, while representing an advance over the previous position, apparently has still not gone far enough to satisfy Washington.  
There is no doubt in the minds of diplomatic quarters in Nanking that the government, while "coalition" in outward form still is very much part and parcel of the Kuomintang.

**POLITICAL CONJUNCTURES**  
More cynical observers regard the two minority parties simply as political conjunctures acquired by the Kuomintang for the purposes of expediency and say the term coalition is far too euphemistic.  
The government confronts increasing difficulties in what everyone regards as a year of crisis, brought about largely by the unabated inflation and the seeming inability to crush the Communists within the foreseeable future.  
Some of the more Liberal elements in Nanking would welcome a revival of peace negotiations with the Communists but the prospects are extremely dim because neither side would like to compromise to the extent which would satisfy the other.  
From all appearances the government will not put out peace feelers especially as the Minister of National Defence, Pui Chung-hsi, and other key figures avowedly are convinced that the only possible settlement is on the battlefield.  
On the diplomatic front China and Russia appear no nearer composing their differences over Eastern and Port Arthur—Associated Press.

**COMMUNAL RIOTS**  
Amritsar, May 12.  
Three more persons were killed and three injured on Sunday in communal rioting bringing casualties during the past three days to 17 killed and 17 injured.  
Two explosions occurred on Saturday night and about a dozen cases of arson were reported on Sunday.  
However, only one building was seriously damaged by fire—Associated Press.

**EDITORIAL**  
**Wages And Profits**  
MR Cyril Champkin last week made a clever attempt to describe the fundamental economic principles necessary to guide Hongkong into future prosperity. Apart from his suggestion of local currency control, the arguments followed a standard pattern. The golden rule is still to apply: first, essential is a "reasonable" margin of profit; second, wages which "leave a fair and reasonable margin over the accepted minimum standard of living." To achieve this there must be a reduction in commodity prices, stabilisation of wages and control over the spending of "loose" money. This will make the qualified draughtsman, offered \$105 dollars a month basic salary, smile somewhat wryly, and wonder just on what he is going to spend his "loose" money. Because Mr Champkin's speech was intended to apply to Hongkong, many will wonder how the theory fits the facts. Mr Champkin says that until the world's stocks are replenished transport facilities freely available and exchange facilities restored to something like normal conditions we must expect high prices, but not a corresponding rise in profits. There appears to be a fallacy about this because in Hongkong there has certainly been a corresponding increase in profits, as shown by the majority of company balance sheets. Mr Champkin says that the profit motive is not the only consideration in industry. Perhaps not, but certainly it is the dominating factor. To state industry's only solution for unprofit-

## Danger Of Blocked Sterling Balances

London, May 11.  
If India or Egypt fail to send delegations to discuss their sterling balances, or if their delegations having come find it impossible to accept any of the terms that Britain could afford to offer, their sterling balances would almost automatically become blocked on July 15. Britain would have no choice in the matter.  
One may expect, however, that this disaster will not occur and that the matter will be settled on the basis of human needs.  
On July 15—a momentous date in world financial history—any sterling which is spendable anywhere has to be made spendable everywhere in the Dollar area equally with the Sterling area. That is what Britain has undertaken to do under the Anglo-American Loan Agreement and what she intends to do. She has already done it for all sterling which is spendable by anybody in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, Central America, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Belgium, Holland, Portugal and Italy.

She is bound to do it for the whole world by July 15.  
Since nobody suggests that Britain could possibly make the whole of the £2,500,000,000 accumulated sterling balance convertible into dollars, she is bound—falling agreement, on what proportion of them can be released—to make them spendable anywhere. The methods would be either by blocking them or by excluding a recalcitrant creditor country from the sterling area.  
At present every penny of India's or Egypt's sterling balance is spendable on anything whatever that can be bought for sterling—which includes £20,000,000,000 of securities quoted on the London stock exchange, all wool and rubber of the British Empire and Britain's entire exports.  
On July 15 any part of the balances agreed for release as spendable anywhere must become spendable everywhere and all the rest become spendable nowhere—except as may be agreed for repatriating quoted assets in creditor countries. In default of agreement the release of the whole lot becomes unspendable anywhere unless Britain unilaterally concedes convertible provisions.

**NO CHOICE FOR U.K.**  
Britain has no choice in the matter. The United States Treasury strongly urged the clause in the Anglo-American agreement allowing Argentina to use her accumulated sterling to settle any adverse balance of payments with the sterling area, even though it was almost inconceivable that the clause would ever be exercised. Britain would never be over-looked in any other agreement. Washington certainly would not allow any country's sterling balance to remain spendable within the sterling area merely by postponement of agreement.

able working is retrenchment, either in the form of staff reductions or wage cutting. Any improvements in Hongkong's working conditions represent less an established policy on the part of employers than a reluctant endeavour to follow a lead given in other parts of the world. Most of Hongkong's workers would be more impressed by Mr Champkin's economic thesis if he frankly declared what he regards as wages that will "leave a reasonable margin over the accepted minimum standard of living." If he would explain what is meant by an "accepted minimum standard of living," if he would state what he thinks constitute "adequate profits with proper limitations," and whether he agrees that first consideration should be given to salary standards rather than profits. Mr Champkin's insistence on the necessity of cheap labour for Hongkong tends to spoil his case. It means that the promised prosperity is intended only for the few who draw dividends and can reinvest them in other prosperous enterprises flourishing on cheap labour. In the face of the most profound dilemmas on economies we stand by an assertion made more than once previously that the majority of Hongkong's workers were grossly underpaid before the war; that vast numbers are still underpaid; and the rest earn only the minimum to meet living costs, leaving them with no margin whatever. This situation appears to us to be the most pressing aspect of the colony's present and future economic problems.

## The Royal Family Return Home



## Cheered By Three Quarters Of A Million People

Portsmouth, May 12.  
Britain's Royal Family returned from a three-month tour of South Africa on Sunday to a noisy welcome from 750,000 cheering subjects who jammed the beaches for a glimpse of the home coming.  
Precisely on schedule HMS Vanguard flying the Royal standard nosed into the harbour under an echoing royal salute of 21 guns.

## JINNAH ON PARTITION

New Delhi, May 12.  
Mohamed Ali Jinnah, president of the Muslim League said today that if the British decide to partition India, the Central Government must be dissolved and all the powers transferred to the two separate constituent assemblies representing Pakistan (Muslim) and Hindustan.  
A similar suggestion was advanced on Friday by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, strong man of the predominantly Hindu Congress party and the Home—Information—and Broadcasting Minister in the Interim government.  
Patel's proposal was an alternative to his principal thesis that the British should transfer the power at once to India's Central Government as it now stands. The British plan for the transferring of power to the Indians is slated to be disclosed on June 2 by the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten.  
The Viceroy originally intended to present the plan to the Indian leaders next Saturday but a communiqué on Sunday said a postponement was necessary "owing to the imminent parliamentary recess in London."  
In an interview Jinnah rejected Patel's proposal concerning the dominion powers as "monstrous."  
Jinnah said that if full power were given the Interim government, Patel would use the administrative machinery, police and armed forces "including British troops to put down everybody in the country and particularly the 100,000,000 Moslems."—Associated Press.

The King, Queen and Princesses, browed by weeks at sea and by the South African sun, stood for more than half an hour on a special platform over the forward gun turrets as the 42,000-ton battleship steamed past the jetty slowly and slipped into her berth.  
The Vanguard, newest battleship in Britain's fleet, had dawdled along for nearly 24 hours to avoid arriving ahead of time. She was escorted into the harbour by the Trinity House yacht Patricia with the King's brother the Duke of Gloucester aboard.  
The Patricia took over from the cruisers Diadem and Cleopatra which had sailed with the Vanguard from Cape Town. Six motor torpedo boats, patrolled the harbour to keep the channel clear of crowds or gaily decked sightseeing boats.

**LANDING TODAY**  
At the King's request navy ships at anchor were not manned. The Royal family will remain on board Sunday night disembarking shortly after 8 a.m., GMT Monday to take part in a ceremonial procession from the dockyard, through beflagged streets to Portsmouth's Guildhall.  
After a brief reception they will travel to London by train and will be driven in open carriages, accompanied by a captain's escort of household cavalry, from Waterloo station to Buckingham Palace.

Their arrival in London on Monday will mark the 10th anniversary of George VI's accession to the throne.  
The Duke of Gloucester and Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief of the Portsmouth naval base, will board the Vanguard shortly after she docked.  
Oberon because of her dark hair and fair skin.  
Col Peterson's co-pilot was Major E. C. Rowe of Oldham.  
Mr Harry Smith of the United States said he had talked with Mrs Peterson and Mrs Rowe, who are sharing a house in Pretoria. They told him they learned this morning their husbands were safe.—United Press.

In the privileged dock area when the Vanguard arrived, were members of the families of her crew, newspapermen and officials. The area was out of bounds to the other hundreds of thousands who had crowded into this south coast town for the event. The beaches were overflowed and many stood advantage points on Portsmouth hill behind the city.  
It was their Majesties' first glimpse of the homeland since February 1.—Associated Press.

## BUSY DRESSMAKERS

London, May 11.  
While London gets ready to celebrate the homecoming of the Royal Family, harassed dressmakers are just getting cramp stitching to satisfy the demands of their fashionable clientele.  
Deep silence reigns in the crystal chandeliers salons. Optimistic customers are turned away. No more orders can be taken. In the workrooms designers and seamstresses are working overtime.  
The Royal return brings garden parties, private dances and possibly an engagement party to society, but long days and sore fingers to them. Partly stitched gowns, rolls of rich material, mounds of wispy veiling—everything that makes a socialite well dressed—clutter up the rooms.  
At Norman Hartnell's, time was taken off to show two popular daytime models. Figure-clinging dresses with matching jackets and big, over-the-eye straw hats are favoured for the Buckingham Palace garden parties. An orange blossom crepe print dress with jacket to match had cross-over-side drapery, while motif on the collar and belt with prominent hip bow. The jacket and blouse length sleeves with white cuff piping. The outfit is worn with a large coarse straw hat trimmed with artificial flowers. White hearts on navy blue silk showed up on a chic dress with hip drapery and matching short jacket with peplum back.  
Worth admitted they were contacting their efforts on the return of Princess Elizabeth and her birthday celebrations. Pale grey figured frock with red buttons and elbow length sleeves had loose fitting coat with silver and grey leather belt.

**IMPATIENT CUSTOMERS**  
A victim of the rush and incidentally of the customs was Molyneux. Form filling is a daily toil in the house on Grosvenor Street. Every piece of imported French material has to be declared and sometimes months pass before the material leaves the customs. Meanwhile, customers wait impatiently for their orders to be filled. Navy and white coloured check crepe had arrived and was used to make up a charming ensemble of short dress with pleated skirt and box jacket to match. Identical buttons on dress and coat. British beige coloured rayon with a big black flower design figured in a cap sleeve short model with stylish hip drapery.  
The prewar long Ascot dresses have gone and short tailored dresses have taken their place.  
"It is not a question of coupons," one designer said, "but we think women reach that final degree of smartness in a short dress."—United Press.

## War Brides Return By The Dozen

### Disillusioned By U.S.

London, May 11.  
If the present clamour in the British press continues, rationed Britons soon will be feeling sorry for unrationed Americans.  
Britons read in the Sunday press again today of the "scores" of GI brides returning to England, sadly disillusioned by their experiences in the "promised land" across the Atlantic.  
The newspaper Reynolds News blared the headline: "We prefer Britain, say GI wives."  
At least ten British brides, the paper said, had returned to the city of Preston alone. "Others" were reported to have gone back to Manchester, Liverpool and Blackpool—some of them bringing their children.  
A British Army welfare organiser in Lancashire was quoted as saying that an "alarming number" of inquiries had been received from British parents seeking ways for their daughters to return from America.

According to other welfare officials, it seemed "obvious" that a high proportion of the marriages between Lancashire girls and American ex-servicemen had gone astray.

### HIGH LIVING COSTS

In other cases, British girls were quoted as saying they wanted to return home because they were "appalled" at the high cost of living in the United States.  
Here was a story the Reynolds News printed from one of the wives who returned—Mrs Joan del Glono, who came back after eight months in Jersey City.  
"I just had to come back," Mrs del Glono said. "I could not make ends meet because of the high cost of living. It is much better to be back in rationed England than tramping around American shops looking at stacks of food and other things I could not afford to buy."  
Mrs del Glono said her husband, who was studying law, received a government grant of US\$20 a week and earned US\$10 extra working in a huge store.  
"But all \$30 were worth no more than 30¢ in England," she said. "We just could not live. So he went back in the Army and I have returned."—United Press.

## Performs Impossible

Shanghai, May 11.  
A man in Shanghai claimed that he has discovered a method to trisect an angle—a feat long considered impossible by mathematicians, according to local Chinese papers.  
Declaring that his method uses only a compass and an ungraded ruler, Yang Chia-cho has submitted his supposedly astounding discovery to the Academia Sinica. Whether his method actually works or not still remains to be examined by mathematicians, it was said.—Reuter.

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## Peterson Makes Forced Landing In Tanganyika

Cape Town, May 11.  
Information available in Cape Town revealed that Colonel Chesley Peterson's plane made a forced landing in an area of Southern Tanganyika not far from the caravan track from Lindi to Mandla on Lake Nyassa.  
Songea is the nearest settlement on the eastern side of the lake.  
The caravan track is thought to be passable by automobile. From Songea to the spot of the crash is a day's march in heavy bush. While the trip might be made by automobile in good weather, the country is completely impassable by car during rains and the trip might require a week's march.  
News of Col Peterson's safe landing was reported to have been received in Cape Town from the radio in his airplane.  
Mrs Peterson has often been referred to as South Africa's Merle Peterson because of her dark hair and fair skin.  
Col Peterson's co-pilot was Major E. C. Rowe of Oldham.  
Mr Harry Smith of the United States said he had talked with Mrs Peterson and Mrs Rowe, who are sharing a house in Pretoria. They told him they learned this morning their husbands were safe.—United Press.

Cape Town, May 11.  
More aircraft joined in the search for a missing private plane piloted by the United States Military attaché for South Africa, Colonel Chesley G. Peterson.  
Peterson was the commander of the Eagle Squadron during the war and was shot down twice in the English Channel.  
His plane has been lost since he left Salisbury on Friday with three passengers.  
He married Audrey Boyes of Cape Town, formerly a ballet dancer and they have one child.—Associated Press.

## NO PROGRESS

Lake Success, May 12.  
The United Nations commission on conventional armaments will inform the Security Council this week that it has failed to make any progress toward world arms reduction since it was established by the Council three months ago.  
Under a Council resolution adopted on February 13, the commission is required to make its first report by midnight on May 13.  
It is understood that the Council will be asked to extend the deadline.—Associated Press.

## LUCKY ESCAPES

A taxicab somersaulted twice in Nathan Road early this morning, but miraculously neither the two passengers nor the driver were injured.  
The driver of the taxi reported to the police that when opposite the Po Hing Theatre he swerved to avoid a pedestrian. His car made a "U" shape turn and then somersaulted twice to the opposite side of the road.  
Police are requesting that the two Chinese passengers involved in this accident report to them.

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In Parliament:

## ZILLIACUS IS NOT BRITAIN

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

IN view of Mr Churchill's comment that Mr Henry Wallace, during his visit to Britain, was an associate of crypto Communists or fellow travellers, it is not without interest that Mr Wallace reported as speaking at Copenhagen with Mr Konni Zilliacus.

Now Mr Zilliacus, who is Labour M.P. for Gateshead, is regarded by many as the uncrowned king of the parliamentary cryptos.

Most of his time at Westminster is taken up in damping the foreign policy of Mr Bevin.

He has, indeed, described this same policy, which is that of the Government he was elected to support, as "Winston and water."

That may be the policy of the Government, but the voice of the Zilliacus is the voice of Britain.

MR BEVIN returns from Moscow without peace, but not, I think, without honour. He has battled for seven weeks and yet achieved practically nothing. Why?

The facts must answer. They seem to make it plain that this conference failed because of the tactics of Russia.

Yet now—perhaps as a smoke-screen to hide the facts—the Russians are vigorously attacking our Foreign Secretary.

Very significant is a cable from the Daily Herald's special correspondent agreeing with an American comment that the Russian propagandists are "gunning for Ernie Bevin."

They are, in fact, blaming him for the wasted seven weeks.

This, of course, is a grotesque travesty of the truth, as all who (Continued on Page 3)

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IF the Thames had frozen hard enough, I am now able to reveal, a reconstituted egg would have been roasted whole just above Tower Bridge.

### A new philosophy

STUDENTS of the best contemporary thought must have been glad to hear that there was a new philosophy in the field, even more emphatically than Existentialism. Its exponents "do not express or represent anything." They create the thing in its unique presence. For painting, they frame bits of paper covered with gibberish. They are also compiling a dictionary "with all the definitions in gibberish." I wonder will they have the nerve to imitate J. S. Bach, who expressed poetry by arranging muddy pieces of blotting-paper on inverted buckets. There could hardly be a more unique presence.

### Income tax to be taxed?

THE Government is said to be examining a scheme to tax taxation. Everybody would be taxed, on a graduated scale, on the amount paid in taxation for a given year. You would be assessed on your income

# THE LAUGH IS ON US

Moscow, Apr. 30.  
Is this really how they see us? I suppose I have asked that question at least four or five times a day since I first arrived in Moscow. And now that I am leaving I am still asking it.

I asked it again the other night at the theatre. In fact, I asked one of Mr Bevin's young men, and he did not know the answer either.

The piece we were seeing was a musical called "The Eleven Unknown," which is all about the visit of Moscow's Dynamo football team to Britain last year. It records their victory over the arrogant footballists of degenerate capitalist Britain.

It is a great hit, this piece, and it is being played all over the Soviet Union. I saw a few scenes from it when I went to the theatre in Stalingrad, and I determined then that I had to see the whole.

What specially interested me was the picture it gives of Britain seen through Soviet eyes.

The second act opens with the Dynamos staying at a most luxurious roadhouse somewhere in Southern England. It has a cocktail bar in the garden, and a red-haired barmaid who chases one of the Russians because she thinks he is a marriageable millionaire. There is also a penny-in-the-slot gambling machine into which one silly Briton after another sticks money and loses it.

### GUESS WHO

MOST prominent guest at the roadhouse is a dandified British football star, one Stanley Macpoot (can you guess who Stanley Macpoot is supposed to be? I can). Stanley is very, very patronising to the Soviet footballers.

Olivia Hitchcock, a London girl reporter, says to Stanley: "What is the difference between you and the London evening newspapers?"

Answer—wittily supplied by Olivia herself: "The London evening newspapers only lie in the evening. You, Stanley, lie all the time."

The owner of the roadhouse is a diminutive Pole who has betrayed his country to the British.

## SEFTON DELMER WRITES: RUSSIA SMILES AT THIS BURLESQUE OF BRITAIN AND THINKS IT IS TRUE

He says, with the cynical frankness of a capitalist: "My heart is where my money is."

The Polish Englishman bets very heavily against the Soviet team. To make sure of winning, he first buys the great Stanley for the British club which is opposing the Dynamos. Stanley holds out for £8,000. No appeals to patriotism move him. He compromises for £7,500.

Then the Pole tries to make two of the Russian team drunk by offering them what is called an atomic cocktail. They refuse to drink. He tries to bribe them. They turn him down.

### CONTRASTS

SO it goes on until, at last, modest, proletarian virtue triumphs over capitalist trickery and souls—the Soviet team captain is shown, having his damaged leg bandaged during the match.

After the match, there is a May-fair reception for the Russians. The British are in dress suits, the Russians in dinner jackets. Reporter Olivia Hitchcock tries to find out how the victory was achieved. Each member of the team modestly repudiates any individual distinction in contrast to the egoistic and boastful Stanley Macpoot.

Finally Olivia gets her story, a lesson for the capitalist British: the Russians, it turns out, won by team play. Soviet collectivism triumphed over reactionary British individualism.

The audience loved it. Two Red Army officers sitting to the right of me were in almost perpetual ecstasy over the absurdities of the naughty British.

When the London football crowd—a superb collection of men in morning dress, tweeds and bowlers and women in Ascot frocks—sat in their grandstands gaping flabbergasted at the Soviet victory, the joy of the whole audience was so infectious that I was as delighted as they.

Did they accept what they saw here as a picture of life in Britain? I am inclined to think that most of them did. Nonsense, you say. No one would accept a musical comedy as a picture of anything.

Maybe. But the picture we were given here on the Moscow stage fits in perfectly with what is reported to the public in news and articles and lectures about Britain.

### MARXIAN

BRITAIN as seen from Moscow, and by that I do not just mean my balcony on the tenth floor of the Moskva Hotel, is the Britain described by Charles Dickens and Karl Marx, with a dash of Priestley thrown in to bring it right up to date.

It is hauntingly like the Britain described by the late Dr Joseph Goebbels in his attacks on plutocracy. The workers live in slums, they are exploited by rich, unscrupulous capitalists—City magnates, they are called. The City magnates live in luxury while the workers starve.

The Socialist Government, despite its parade of Socialism, is really in the pocket of the City magnates. It is allowing the City magnates, as Novoye Vremya told us, to shift the entire burden of the postwar reconstruction of Britain's economy on to the shoulders of the working class.

Under the influence of the City magnates, the Socialist Government has allowed the British Fascists (to quote Novoye Vremya once more) "to re-establish themselves and develop their activities, thereby menacing the Soviet Union and international peace."

It was the City magnates who deliberately delayed the Second Front during the war in the hope that Russia would bleed to death. The Soviet victory over Hitler, says Novoye Vremya of these people, was a disappointment to them.

It is they who are making the present Government refuse reparations to Soviet Russia. They—and their friends in the Control Commission in the British Zone—are re-

lucting to deNazify and demilitarise Germany in the hope of using a new Nazi Germany against Soviet Russia. They have established Fascism in Greece, they are supporting Fascism in Turkey.

But there is a hope. A real Left-wing movement is coming up more and more strongly in Britain, with such enlightened leaders as Zilliacus, Mack and Crossman. They have the mass of the people behind them.

They will overthrow the reactionary City magnates, assert Britain's independence of the United States plutocracy, and cause her to join up with the enlightened Soviet democracy, not Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugo-Slavia have already done.

### AT SCHOOL

THAT is the picture the intelligent newspaper reader gets of Britain. It is also the picture drilled into the children at school. I found schoolgirls of 15 and 10 learning off by heart their history and current affairs lesson so that they can pass the test in political orthodoxy—the Marxist-Leninist orthodoxy they call it. Without this knowledge no one can get a diploma or a degree in the Soviet Union.

"Truman," I heard one little girl recite, "is a friend of Fascists and the tool of reactionaries." I have no cause to wonder whether the ordinary schoolboy believes the picture of Britain that he is given. He has centuries of credulity behind him. It is traditional for him to accept what he is taught.

But what about the teachers? The men in the Kremlin? Do they accept this distorted view? Are they putting it over to the masses because they believe it to be true, or because they believe it to be good for them?

My hunch, based on such experience as I have been able to gather during these weeks of inference reporting and travel, is that the truth lies in a combination of the two.

### DIPLOMACY

FEW of the Soviet leaders ever go abroad. They depend upon their diplomatic service for their news from abroad. And that service, despite its inclusion of some very brilliant men, is still a somewhat primitive institution.

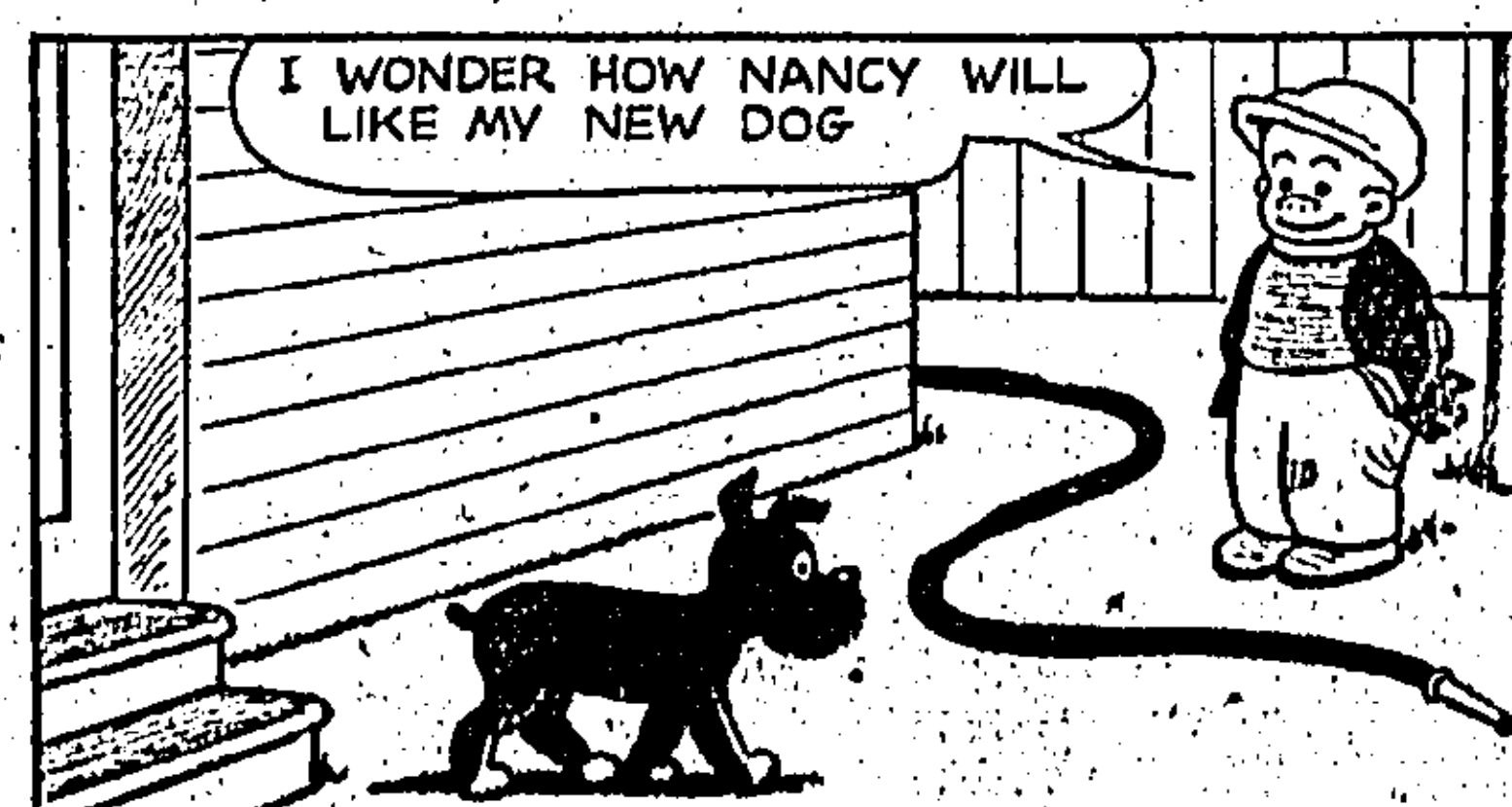
Ignorance—combined with the desire to please the high-ups by confirming their theories—will lead Soviet diplomats and other observers abroad to send home reports backing up the high-up suspicions and pet political theories.

It is true that a great drive is being made to improve the Soviet diplomatic service. Young men are being trained specially as diplomats. I hope that they are being trained in honest reporting. Because a lot more than a Moscow musical comedy depends on them.

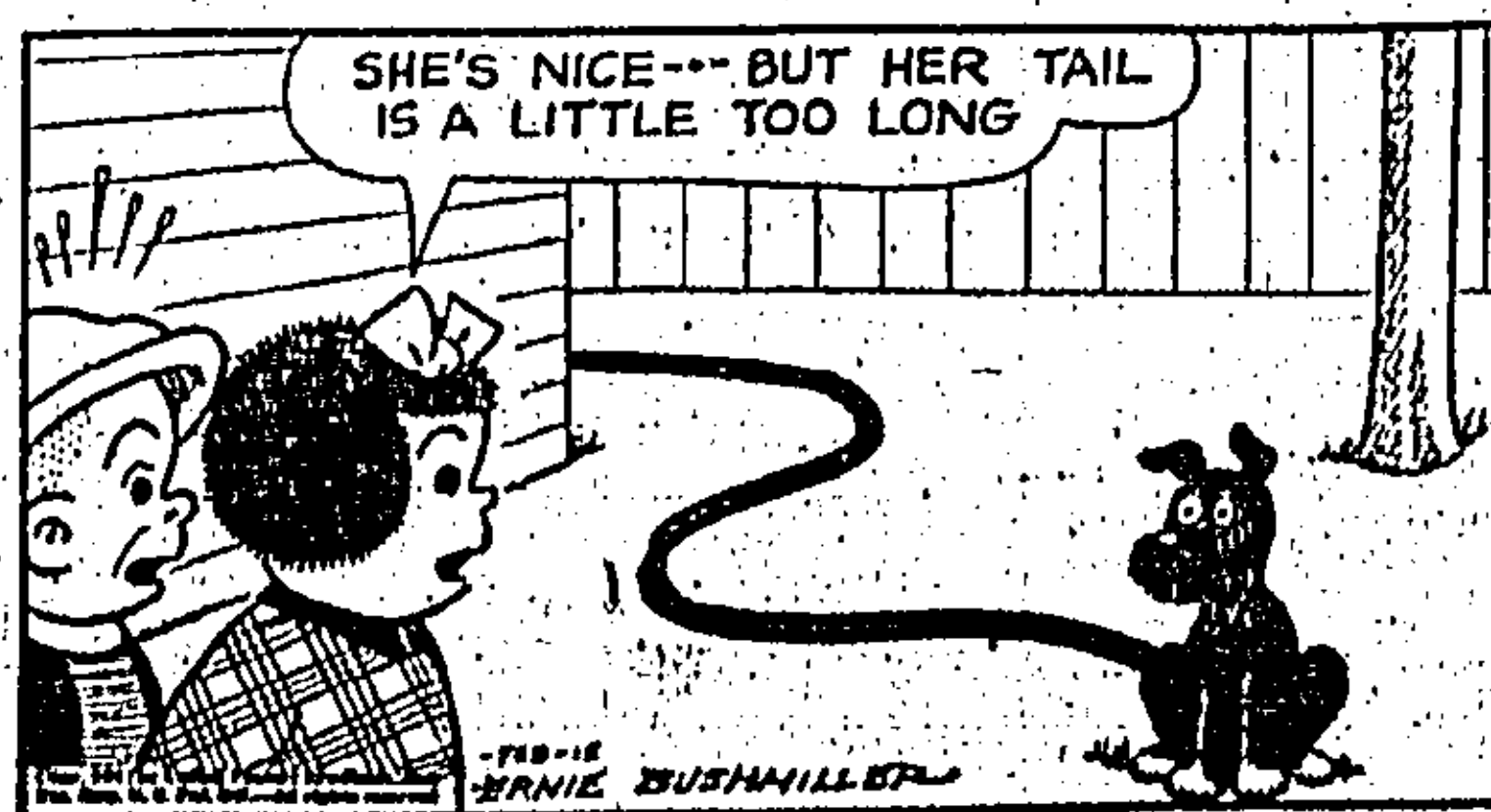


"ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME THEY DECLARED?"

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### "DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am a war widow. Is it customary to continue to wear my rings on the left hand? Or should I just wear my engagement ring on the right hand?"

UNIFORMED.  
Your rings were placed on your finger "till Death do us part", and thus you wear them. If you should remarry, you remove the old wedding ring and wear the new one. It is not usually done, but some like to continue to wear the two engagement rings. In my opinion, it is better taste not to do so.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My bust has always sagged, even at the beginning of its development. What can I do? I wear an uplift bra."

FIFTEEN.  
You should, first, start a series of exercises, such as the swimming stroke and reaching, and you must improve your posture, you evidently "slump". No girl at your age has sagging breasts unless there is some physical underdevelopment, bad posture or poor health, or all three. You should see a doctor for a physical checkup. Your school doctor and gym-teacher might be interested in working out a special programme for you.

"Dear Lois Leeds—How can I get rid of pimples? What do you recommend for me to use? I have

used lots of creams and lotions. I am short and fat. How should I wear my hair?—LILLY."

Most definitely you should go on a diet of vegetables, fruits and milk. You are evidently much overweight, thus you have an overly-oily skin. Next, you must stop using creams and lotions. Scrub with clean, clean water and a white soap. The only cream that you should use is one of the sulphur type or an acne preparation. Short girls look best with hair brushed up and kept off of the neck.

## Coloured Gold Jewel Mountings

Yellow and red golds are the favourite metals for mounting precious and semi-precious stones today. A great many of the new jewel designs showing at the British Industries Fair, which opened in London and Birmingham last week, demonstrated this new trend.

The fashion, to some extent, is based on the state of the world market. In days of abundance, silver was considered good enough for mounting semi-precious stones, while the more precious gold was used for the rarer and more expensive precious gems.

It is to fill the gap between "costume" jewellery of the cheapest kind and the richest kind, and to bring to light the real beauty of semi-precious stones that coloured gold has been introduced as a new medium for setting them. Another potent factor in the use of coloured gold is that overseas buyers favour and value gold for its own sake in preference to other metals.

Designs themselves have taken an interesting new aspect. Curves are replacing straight lines, while colour schemes have undergone a radical change. Yellow gold is highly favoured for all dress accessories, both for day and evening wear, while the delicate tones of semi-precious stones blend harmoniously with the latest pastel shades. The effect is, at least good on black.

These are but a few of the new jewellery fashions to be seen at the Fair.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"The way the ice on the streets melts at noon is a sure sign—before you know it we'll all be revelling in the beauties of spring again!"

## SINGING PRIVATE WINS BIG PRIZE

That lovely Italian song, "Santa Lucia," has just earned a 19-year-old private in the Royal Army Medical Corps £2,000.

He is Pte Edwin Roberts, and he sang it with typical Latin bravura and with rare feeling at the London Coliseum to win the first prize in the broadcast final of a Talent contest, directed and compered by that ebullient Canadian entertainer, Carroll Lewis.

Yet Edwin has only had nine months' voice training in his young life; he does not know Italian; he has never even left the shores of Britain.

The Coliseum show was the climax of a year's nation-wide hunt for latent talent among would-be stars of stage, radio and screen, in which thousands of competitors took part in over 300 eliminating contests in almost every county.

These have been one of the highlights of the Carroll Lewis show which was broadcast in the BBC General Overseas Service, when they were invariably introduced as "trials" and the discoveries of today are the stars of tomorrow.

## EXHIBITION OF CHINESE CERAMICS

A delightful exhibition of "Two Thousand Years of Chinese Ceramic Figures" is being shown in London, arranged by the British Oriental Ceramic Society, which holds such displays twice yearly.

The exhibits have been loaned by members and comprise 132 interesting pieces which range from the Han Dynasty of 206 B.C.-220 A.D. until the mid-19th century. Expressing the immense art of the Chinese, the exhibition has charm, humour, dignity and grace.

Very lovely are the various replicas of the Goddess of Mercy—Kuan-yin—who is shown in different aspects in different periods, but always reflecting beauty and wisdom. Chinese pottery through the ages have found the modelling of horses and lions congenial to their art. They have rendered the strength beauty of these in various styles. Humour appears in little figures with well-defined features.

For European Market

In the later centuries, they made their wares especially for the European market and depicted the Europeans as happy people, invariably laughing. In this section there is a jolly figure of Louis XIV of France in gay clothes and a Dutchman in a harlequin coat who seems to see the happy side of ill-fated exhibits, belonging to the remote Han Dynasty, is a sheep fold with four sheep of green glaze.

## ZILLIACUS IS NOT BRITAIN

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have followed the negotiations must know.

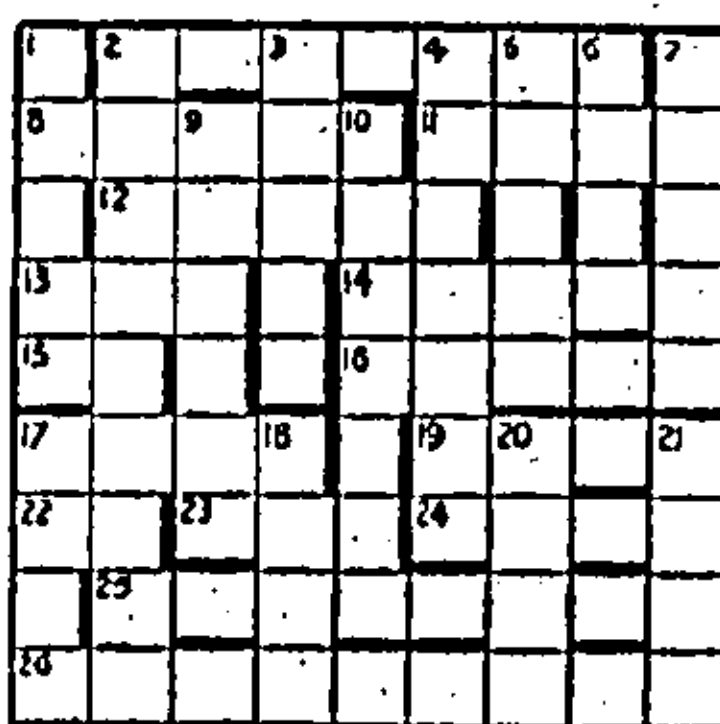
Nevertheless, it is the Moscow line, and it will doubtless be followed by the Communists, and their secret sympathisers and backers in this country.

THIS is a bad business, undoubtedly. Yet I am confident that neither Parliament nor the British people will be deceived by such crude and false propaganda. All that is needed by way of corrective is a plain, unvarnished statement from the Foreign Secretary of the course of events in Moscow.

Nothing wrapped up in diplomacy's verbal cotton wool, naught set down in malice, but a bare recital of the hard facts.

That, Mr. Bevin, will be quite enough to cook this particular Moscow propaganda goose.

## CROSSWORD



Across

2. You always find it in our cage.
6. It is a soldier's duty to do both on and off parade. (5)
11. Vehicle that is found only in part. (4)
12. Precisely what you withdraw. (5)
13. Writings of a sort. (3)
14. A spirit of the air this gazelle. (5)
15. This needs just a little science.
16. Disturbed anger that will roar. (5)
17. The skin. (4)
22. A bird. (5)
23. A word. (5)
24. Round B, a diet. (4)
25. A word. (5)
26. There's recently been talk of one in the House of Commons. (1)

Down

- 1 and 7. Very often swallowed but not to keep the doctor away. (10)
2. A thing sound. (1)
3. Just habit. (5)
4. It's quite possible for someone with a certain personality. (5)
5. You may think it's edible but it's intended for a harpoon. (5)
6. A certain trapdoor artist save it. (5)
7. See 1. (5)
8. Not to protrude. (5)
9. Outward doubt. (5)
10. A word. (5)
11. You don't make a bit of it and. (5)
12. Eyes, small ones obviously. (5)
13. It was lost by an early gardener. (5)

"Stars of tomorrow" Edwin Roberts is at present a medical orderly in the hygiene department of an Army Medical College in London District. A quiet, unassuming lad, he's been wearing battledress since November, 1945. Before that, he spent two years pushing a pen in an estate agent's office in Shoredham.

Mishap At Last Hurdle  
Before facing the ordeal of his life at the Coliseum, he had to win his way through three competitions—first at Shoredham; then the County finals at Littlehampton; and lastly the Regional Finals—spread over seven months. He got the Italian pronunciation from a music teacher and by listening to Gigli on records and in the flesh.

He nearly met with a mishap at the very last hurdle. As he was waiting for his call at the Coliseum, he waited out of the theatre to get a bath of fresh air, and a handful of hot ashes blew into his eyes, and nearly blinded him.

He rushed to Charing Cross Hospital for some treatment, and got back to the theatre just in time to walk on to the stage for his number. So confident was he of his manner and sure his voice that he one in the audience and at the receiving end of a wireless set could have imagined the panic he had been in the previous quarter of an hour.

His plans for the future? First of all, he has to master what patience he can, and wait until the Army and Service Group 71 is called; and then he proposes to get some intensive voice training and try and make his way into grand opera.

### THIS WEEK'S HINT FOR DOG LOVERS

### Go easy with the medicine

Dog owners should not experiment with new treatments for dog ailments unless they are quite sure they know what they are doing.

Simple remedies like castor oil, Epsom salt, zinc and sulphur ointment are very useful in the treatment of minor disorders, and generally if it is not too late, they will cure the dog. But the use of much the same way as one would treat a human being.

Some dog owners, for instance, use the sulphur ointment or drugs in a very temperate way, giving a tablet or two when they think the dog has been exposed to infection. This is a mistake, for the purpose of the drugs is not intended as a disinfectant, but when they are not needed, a tolerance for them is built up, and drugs are needed to fight the infection. In such a condition they may prove non-effective.

By C. WILSON, F.R.S.

## FROM HERE AND THERE:

### GLAMOUR STRIKE

Miami.—A "hotspot" staff has gone on strike because the management refused to pay Jane Russell, sweater girl star of "The Outlaw", the sum of \$4,000 for appearing in too modest show.

Milan.—Italy's first postwar private light aircraft, convertible into an automobile, went on test in Milan and cruised at 40 miles an hour on the road and 120 miles an hour in the air.

"THE VAMPIRE"  
Paris.—French police are combing the suburbs of Paris for "The Vampire", who has been assaulting women. From victims the police find he is a man who rides a woman's bicycle frequently and who wears a red cloak.

THEIR HOUR  
New York.—The anonymous humorist of the New York Times pokes ironic fun at all those Americans weeping crocodile tears for the British Empire's passing. He suggests that Britain has taken up manufacturing its own watches "because they don't know, like so many of us at a distance that their hour has struck."

HONESTY  
Cape Town.—In one day Etienne Joubert of Goodwood won a sweepstake worth £250—won a horse at five to one £250—received an army warrant for gratuity and back pay amounting to £250.

FOR AWHILE  
New York.—A personal loan company says in its advertising: "If you are beset by rising prices and feel your purchasing power shrinking to a dangerous level, a loan will give you a new feeling of confidence."

SCIENTIST REFUSES  
Göttingen.—Attempts to induce Germany's greatest atom bomb expert and Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Werner Heisenberg, to carry on work in the Argentine, where some British authorities believe uncaptured Nazis are still hiding, have completely failed. "I wouldn't go to the Argentine now if Peron came for me with a plane" said the eminent physicist. He said that he didn't realise that he was to South America would be considered to have political implications. He won the Nobel Prize at the startling age of 31.

NOW IT'S A STATION  
New York.—The American Army will give up calling that place where soldiers "eat the mess." It might remind them of what the food



## RECORD MILK PRODUCTION

Friesian's 155½ lbs. In 24 Hours

LONDON.—Bridge Birch II, an eight-year-old cow who can yield her weight in milk every eight days, is feeling the strain.

"It will kill her if we keep on with it," her owner, R. A. Pierson, said this week.

Until Sunday, Bridge Birch was just an ordinary, over-sized Friesian. Today, she is a celebrity—in the cow world, that is—for the record 155½ pounds of milk she gave in 24 hours.

"We milked her six times in 24 hours, yesterday, once every four hours," Pierson said. "All by hand, though. We don't use electric milkers. But frankly, it is wearing the men out."

Pierson said that in three or four days, "after she has rested," he would try for another record, "but it is an awful strain on the cow and I doubt if she can stand up to it."

It is a question of Calcium, Pierson explained.

"The cow has just so much calcium for the amount of milk produced," he said. "Already, we have had to inject Bridge Birch with some of it."

### Gave Birth to Calf

The previous world record of milk from a cow in 24 hours was established in 1939 at 149 pounds. But Pierson pointed out that that milk did not contain 2½ butterfat. That is important, he said.

"Bridge Birch gave birth to a calf 63 days ago," Pierson said. "And ever since then she has been giving more and more milk. I can't explain it. It's just one of those things. Already I've been offered £50 a day to let her stand outside a milk bar, but I didn't take it."

Pierson said some people pay thousands in trying for milk records from their cows. He has only paid £100 for Bridge Birch.

"It is just like winning the Derby," he said. "And it is a great thrill."

He said his cow has always been fed silage.—United Press.

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George doesn't appear again, so Rupert wanders home, full of thoughts. "He made the odd little pal," he says. "He's a sort of... He's gone to sleep, and says I mustn't call again until next March, and we've shown him Nantwood Common 26 the fields, and the sea, and he thinks they're all wonderful. "They'd be wonderful to us if we weren't so used to them," says his mother, gently, "and sometimes all sleep through the winter. Don't you think they're sensible?" "I wish I could do the same!"

THE END.

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Another new adventure to-morrow!

## Round the Empire With Pateman,

Answer to the puzzle in Saturday's "Round the Empire" illustrated feature is as follows:—

Only one statement is correct, so that if 1 is right 2 is wrong, and you have two reds, A and B. So 1 is wrong.

If 2 is right 1 and 3 are wrong, making C blue and B and A both white. So 2 is wrong.

Therefore, 3 is right, and since 2 is wrong B is red, C white and A blue.

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